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For: INTRALEVEL DECOUPLING CAPACITOR, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
AND TESTING CIRCUIT OF THE SAME

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 through §1.99 and pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. All of these references were either cited or submitted in patent Application No. 09/330,803 and thus copies of these references are not provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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